Adult literacy

3277. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had started adult literacy drive to educate illiterate people and if so the amount spent on the drive and how many illiterates, have become literate, State-wise; and

(b) whether Bihar and Jharkhand are still one of the most illiterate States and if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to remove illiteracy in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI) : (a) National Literacy Mission (NLM) was launched in 1988 to impart functional literacy to the non-literates in the country in the age-group of 15-35 years. During the 9th Plan, an amount of Rs. 521.20 crore was spent on Adult Education. The 10th Plan allocation for the schemes of NLM is Rs. 1250 crores, out of which Rs. 685.36 crore have been utilized as on March, 2005. Since the launching of the Mission, 118.20 million persons have so far been made literate. A statement indicating the State-wise position in this regard is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) As per Census 2001, the literacy rates of Bihar and Jharkhand are 47% and 53.56% respectively which are both below the national level of 64.84%. All the districts in these two states have already been covered under literacy programmes. As on date Total Literacy Campaigns (TLCs) are being implemented in 14 districts, Post Literacy Programme (PLP) in 21 districts and Continuing Education Programme (CEP) in 3 districts of Bihar. In Jharkhand TLCs are bieng implemented in 12 districts, PLP in 8 districts and CEP in 2 districts.

Special interventions were also taken up in certain low female literacy districts in Bihar and Jharkhand. In Bihar, Female Literacy Programme was implemented in 13 low female literacy districts to cover 24 lakh women

learners with the involvement of Panchayati Raj Functionaries, women volunteers and women Self Help Groups. Special Female Literacy Programes were also implemented in 5 low female literacy districts of Jharkhand through Zilla Saksharata Samities covering 5 lakh non-literate women.

Statement

Number of persons made literate under NLM

(In lakh)

S.No.	State/UT	No. of persons made literate
1.	Andhra Pradesh	169.37
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.80
3.	Assam	26.81
4.	Bihar	99.30
5.	Chhattisgarh	26.57
6.	Goa	0.71
7.	Gujarat	61.31
8.	Haryana	7.84
9.	Himachal Pradesh	5.60
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	2.70
11.	Jharkhand	22.04
12.	Karnataka	65.55
13.	Kerala	17.05
14.	Madhya Pradesh	96.06
15.	Maharashtra	76.34
16.	Manipur	0.90
17.	Meghalaya	1.66
18.	Mizoram	0.64
19.	Nagaland	0.63
20.	Orissa	45.08
21.	Punjab	9.08
22.	Rajasthan	84.09

S.No.	State/UT	No. of persons made literate
23.	Sikkim	0.27
24.	Tamil Nadu	78.53
25.	Tripura	4.69
26.	Uttaranchal	5.20
27.	Uttar Pradesh	152.26
28.	West Bengal	114.58
29.	A & N Islands	0.14
30.	Chandigarh	0.42
31.	D & N Haveli	0.07
32.	Daman and Diu	0.04
33.	Delhi	4.56
34.	Lakshadweep	0.01
35.	Pondicherry	1.11
	TOTAL	1182.01

National Curriculum Framework for School Education

3278. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some time back Government appointed a panel to review the national Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the panel has since submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether recommendations of the Panel have since been considered by Government; and

(f) if so, by when an appropriate decision based on the Panel's recommendations is likely to be taken and implemented?